



RENTERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 8, 2023

A meeting of the Renters Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 5:33 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Nicolas Poppell, Co-Chair
Colleen Wickstrom, Co-Chair
Kawa Ada
Heather Barclay
Travis Barker
Laurel Cowan
Margareta Dovgal
Scott Robinson
James Tod
Spencer van Vloten

ABSENT: Kyle Simunovic (Leave of Absence)
Eva Ciesielska (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Pete Fry, Council Liaison
Graham Anderson, Planner, Staff Liaison
Nicholas Danford, Planner II, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability
Lani Brunn, Housing Planner, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability
Ann Cooper, Planning Assistant III, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability
Lucy Minyo, Planner II, Transportation Division, Engineering Services
Luke Slattery, Planner I, Transportation Division, Engineering Services

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kirsty Colquhoun, Committee Clerk

*Denotes absence from a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Co-Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Scott Robinson
SECONDED by Laurel Cowan

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Kyle Simunovic and Eva Ciesielska, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by James Tod
SECONDED by Scott Robinson

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of **Wednesday, September 06, 2023**, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. 2108 and 2408 Cassiar Street (Skeena Terrace)

Staff from Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability provided a presentation and responded to questions from the Committee.

2. Committee Progress Update Commercial Streets (Davie and Robson – Transportation and Public Space)

Planners from the Transportation Division provided a presentation and responded to questions from the Committee.

3. External Liaison Requests

MOVED by Nicolas Poppell
SECONDED by Colleen Wickstrom

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee request that external liaisons from the Vancouver School Board be invited to participate and provide regular updates in Committee meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Liaison Updates

Council Liaison provided an update on Reports from the previous and future Council meetings, including:

- [2023 Homeless Count: Vancouver](#)

- [Advancing Britannia Renewal](#)
- [Removal of Certain Occupancy Permit Holds in Respect of Construction of Social Housing for the Little Mountain Development](#)
- [Delivering a New Supply of Middle Income Housing in Vancouver](#)
- [Enhancing Housing Density Near Under-Enrolled Vancouver Schools](#)
- [Unlocking Shaughnessy: Building Affordable Housing Options for All of Us](#)
- [Industrial Modernization and Intensification Framework – Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law](#)

Staff Liaison provided updates on housing targets, which will influence housing policies over the next three years.

5. Work Plan Discussion

The Committee discussed the Work Plan with plans for it to be finalized by the first meeting in the new year.

6. Working Session Updates

The Co-Chair provided an update on the Working Session held Wednesday, October 11, 2023, and submitted questions to the Staff Liaison. Staff agreed to respond at a future meeting.

7. Subcommittee Updates

Subcommittee Chairs provided updates and responded to questions.

The Committee discussed dates for the next Subcommittee meeting, with intentions to tackle the Work Plan and prepare a Motion on National Occupancy.

8. New Business

James Tod provided a notice of a motion for the next Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Scott Robinson
SECONDED by James Tod

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:28 pm

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